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| Application Number     | 09/259,658        |
| Filing Date            | February 26, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor   | Colyer            |
| Art Unit               | 1645              |
| Examiner Name          | Portner, V.A.     |
| Attorney Docket Number | 10069/1040        |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- ii. ☒ Other **Response to the Final Office Action filed 11/5/2003**
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) **\$740.00**
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-noted U.S. patent application and is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed March 3, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 5, 2003. The previous amendment, filed November 5, 2003 was not entered. Entry of the amendments as recited here is requested prior to continued examination. An extension of time to file an Appeal Brief is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page ten (10) of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.